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SUBJ: VISIT OF SITHOLE TO BLANTYRE

1. BRITISH COLLEAGUE, HIGH COMMISSIONER MICHAEL SCOTT, HAS INFORMED ME THAT REV. SITHOLE EXPECTED TO VISIT ZHANTYRE EITHER ON MOMJAY, MARCH 13 OR TUESDAY, MARCH 14. APPARENTLY CHIEF PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO BRIEF PRESIDENT BANDA ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS.

2. SCOTT HAS ASKED LONDON WHETHER OR NOT THEY WOULD LIKE HIM TO TRY TO TALK AGAIN WITH SITHOLE AND IF SO WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE HIM TO TELL HIM. REPORT OF VISIT ALSO SUGGESTS SITHOLE MAY CONTINUE ON FROM BLANTYRE TO NEW YORK BUT THIS NOT CONFIRMED.

3. IF DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE ME TO ACCOMPANY SCOTT SHOULD HE BE INSTRUCTED TO TALK WITH SITHOLE, PLEASE ADVISE. OR IF HMG DECIDES NO NEED FOR SCOTT TO TALK WITH SITHOLE AT THIS TIME, AS SCOTT THINKS POSSIBLE, I COULD SEEK MEETING ON OWN INITIATIVE IF DEPARTMENT DESIRED. PLEASE REPLY NIACT IMMEDIATE IF TRIP TO BLANTYRE IS INDICATED.

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